



MARYLAND MEDICAID PHARMACY PROGRAM

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ADVISORY

In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (DHMH) Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program (MMPP) has developed the Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program Advisory. To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations. It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via DHMH, please contact the MMPP representative at 410-767-1455.

Carve out of Substance Use Disorder Medications and Suboxone® Film

Starting January 1, 2015, Maryland Medicaid will carve out Substance Use Disorder medications from the HealthChoice MCOs and they will be covered by Fee-For-Service (FFS) in the same way as mental health and HIV medications are.

Currently most of the MCOs cover the generic version of **Suboxone® tablets** on their formulary, whereas FFS has **Suboxone® Film as preferred** on our Preferred Drug List (PDL), which may result in denial of prescriptions for Suboxone tablets and require a prior authorization by the prescriber. In order for your patients to have a smooth transition, we are requesting that if you currently have **patients** on the Suboxone tablets who may need to refill their prescriptions on or any time after January 1, 2015, to consider **prescribing the Suboxone® film, to avoid future denial of the prescription due to the FFS PDL prior authorization requirement.**

Thank you.